

Dear FCC Commissioners & Staff:

I am writing to you regarding your reconsideration of the rules that require telephone companies to provide ISPs access to the public switched phone network. Removal of these requirements would be a grave mistake.

I believe that the interests of consumers is best served by having as many providers as the market will support. I do not want ISP services to be limited to large Telcos and large ISP's such as AOL and MSN. I do not want to use any of them. I prefer the service I get from a local provider, whom I can call personally with problems or suggestions. Just like family farms and mom and pop stores, local ISPs need some protection from predatory large interests.

Furthermore, by removing fair interconnection requirments and reducing our choice, you will likely also allow consumer rates to rise. By having a current choice among several providers, I am not only allowed to find the best services to suit my needs, but also for best price. Reducing the number of ISPs in the marketplace will certainly have the obvious result of reduced compeition and increased prices for consumers in the long run.

I hope that you will take into consideration the needs of small ISPs and allow them to remain competitive. Please do not give more power to the monopolies who control our phone network.

Commissioners, I implore you to continue to protect the ISPs' access to the public telephone networks, thereby protecting the rights of millions of consumers like me.

Sincerely,

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